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Ringing the Bell at Angel Island On July 2, 1906, when the automatic bell striker

On July 2, 1906, when the automatic bell striker failed on the fog bell at California's Angel Island Light Station in San Francisco Bay, lighthouse keeper Juliet Nichols rang the bell for over 20 straight hours using a simple carpenter's nail hammer. She had to repeat the procedure again on July 4th of that same year. Fortunately, the automatic striker was repaired after that. She served as the keeper here from 1902 to 1914. In 1963, after automation, the Coast Guard burned all the structures, but they saved the fog bell, which is still on display there as part of Angel Island State Park.